

REDFORD BRIGHTMOOR INITIATIVE

AUGUST 2016



DARCY STREET ORCHARD

**"Even if I knew
that tomorrow the
world would go to
pieces, I would still
plant my apple tree."
Martin Luther King**

This spring, RBI purchased a vacant lot adjacent to the Brightmoor campus and began to clear it of brush and trees. On Saturday, July 16, volunteers from Northville UMC planted the first eight trees- 2 pear and 6 apple. Various groups have prayed

over the orchard and volunteers from St. Peter the Fisherman Parish of Two Rivers, Wisconsin sprinkled holy water and blessed the area. The orchard was the brainstorm of board member Dave Mathieu. His vision along with a grant from the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency made the orchard a reality. The neighbors have already been able to take advantage of the orchard clearing by taking away much of the wood that was chopped down which will be

used to keep their homes warm this coming winter. Neighbors are happy to see the long-term commitment RBI is making to the neighborhood and are excited about the coming fresh fruit.



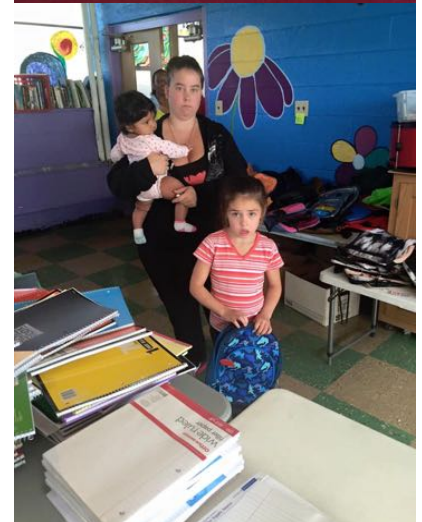


In light of recent events that have led to tensions between law enforcement officers and African Americans, RBI invited 6 Detroit Police Officers to attend the Free Store on July 16. In place of the usual worship service, neighbors and officers spent an hour discussing the current lack of trust between police and the community. Concerns about disciplining of children, how to act at a traffic stop, and what to do when an officer behaves badly were explored. At the end, everyone agreed that this was a good first step but further activities should be scheduled including a barbeque. Thank you to Assistant Chief Steve Dolnut Sgt. Mark Young, Sgt. Terry Hodge (Ret.), Sgt. Kim Gabriel, Detective Tremaine Burton and Detective Elliot Ashford.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Backpacks
Pencils
Pens
Paper
Notebooks
Glue Sticks
Scissors
Tape
Color markers
Color pencils
Pencil bags/boxes
Highlighters
Erasers
Rulers
Crayons
Pencil sharpeners





BRIGHTMOOR 2016

Hands 4 Detroit is an annual day of service and a food drive sponsored by the Detroit Renaissance District of the United Methodist Church. Hands 4 Detroit will bring together 1000 volunteers of all ages from across Southeast Michigan, who alongside residents of Brightmoor will put their hands to work on clean up and beautification projects. Hands 4 Detroit is held the first Saturday of October each year. This year it will be on October 1, 2016. Registration will be at Brightmoor Aldersgate United Methodist Church located at 12065 W. Outer Dr., Detroit, MI 48223. The opening ceremony will be at 9am. Besides the neighborhood clean up, volunteers will be working at Gompers Elementary and Murphy Middle School. Hands 4 Detroit partners with Gleaners Food Bank to collect food that will be distributed to area pantries.

Registration will be available on line beginning August 15, 2016 at

www.Hands4Detroit.org

This is an amazing opportunity for you, your family, your church, your school or your business to be a part of the change we all want to see in Detroit.

For more information, please contact Karen Plants at 248-895-9825 or KarenKPlants@gmail.com

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We always accept and need donations of

Toilet Paper

Laundry Detergent

Paper Toweling

Deodorant

Shampoo

Razors/Shaving Cream

Diapers

Baby Wipes

Tooth Brushes

Tooth Paste

Dishwashing Soap

Bar Soap

If you have gently used furniture or appliances to donate, please call Claire Miller at 313-937-3170.



JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 FROM 6-8PM

AT PARADISE PARK IN NOVI, MICHIGAN

FOR AN RBI FUN- RAISER

\$20 TICKET GET USE OF FACILITY EXCEPT GO
KARTS

\$30 TICKET GET UNLIMITED USE OF THE FACILITY

ALL TICKETS INCLUDE LASER TAG, 26' CLIMBING
WALL, SOCCER CAGES, TRAMPOLINE CENTER AND OF
COURSE, PUTT PUTT GOLF

Paradise Park

45799 Grand River, Novi, MI 48374

For tickets, please call Karen Plants at

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